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Public Health Department,
Municipal Buildings,
Old Hill,
Staffs.

January, 1967.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the County Borough of Warley.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with regret that I have to place on record that Dr. Frank Asker died on the 5th January, 1966 after 31 years service as Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Rowley Regis.

I was appointed in January, 1966 as Acting Medical Officer of Health during the last few months of the Borough's existence as a separate Authority under the provisions of the West Midlands Order 1965. It is I think therefore my duty to introduce briefly the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for Rowley Regis for 1965.

It would not be appropriate for me to comment in detail on the following pages and I will, therefore, confine myself to commending the report to your attention.

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

R. J. DODDS,

Medical Officer of Health
County Borough of Warley.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

as at 31st December, 1965

Chairman: Alderman S. Walker

Vice-Chairman: Alderman B. Willetts

Her Worship the Mayor, Alderman Mrs. E. Matthews, J.P., the Deputy Mayor, Councillor J. W. Shakespeare, Aldermen J. Adams, D. Gilbert, J. P. Pennington, J.P., Councillors J. W. Bastable, Mrs. M.A. Bridgewater, E. S. Greenway, G. Shaw, W. H. Walker and S. J. Willmore.

MEMBERS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

on the

ROWLEY REGIS AREA HEALTH COMMITTEE

Alderman S. Walker, Councillors W. T. Salt and Mrs. M. A. Bridgewater.

*Alderman J. Adams, and Councillor J. Smitheman.

*Note: These members were appointed by the
Staffordshire County Council.

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health,
Senior Medical Officer, Moxley I.D. Hospital,
Medical Referee, Rowley Regis Crematorium:-

FRANK ASKER, M.R.C. ., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector:-

FREDERICK T. HARRISON, D.P.A., M.A.P.H.I.,
Public Health Inspector's Certificate,
Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate,
Smoke Inspector's Certificate,
Certificate of Institute of Sanitary Engineers,
Royal Sanitary Institute Sanitary Science Certificate.

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector:-

LEONARD COOMBES, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.I.P.H.H..
Public Health Inspector's Certificate
Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate
Smoke Inspector's Certificate.

Additional Public Health Inspectors:-

LASHFORD R. TURBIN, M.A.P.H.I.

Public Health Inspector's Certificate

Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate

BASIL HORACE JOHN RICHARDS, M.A.P.H.I.

Public Health Inspector's Certificate

Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate

Smoke Inspector's Certificate

BRIAN W. BULLINGHAM, M.A.P.H.I.

Public Health Inspector's Certificate

Meat and Food Inspector's Diploma

CHRISTOPHER PURSLOW, M.A.P.H.I.

Diploma Public Health Inspection.

Student Public Health Inspector:-

Patrick J. Lynch

Clerks:-

Miss D. Morgan, Chief Clerk.

Miss T. Shaw

Miss B. Rawlings

Miss Y. Devonport

Miss C. Holloway

GENERAL STATISTICS

Population (Registrar General's Estimate mid year 1965)	49,340
Population (Census 1961)	48,146
Number of occupied dwelling houses (31st December, 1965)	17,173
Rateable Value (at 1st April, 1965) 	£2,208,475
Product of Penny Rate for the year 1965-1966 	£9,000.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Although parts of the Tividale and Rowley Regis Wards are agricultural in character, the district is essentially an industrial one. The manufacture of iron goods, such as nails, rivets, tubes, shovels, chains and anchors, holloware, electrical fittings, being amongst the chief industries. A hard basaltic rock known as 'Rowley Rag' is quarried from the hills and is largely used for paving and

channelling purposes.

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS:

					<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	341	341	682
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	21	17	38
					<u>362</u>	<u>358</u>	<u>720</u>

* Birth Rate per 1,000 population 14.59

STILL BIRTHS: Male 6 Female 5 Total 11

Rate per 1,000 population ... 0.22

Rate per 1,000 live and still births 15.05

DEATHS:

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
271	231	510

* Death Rate per 1,000 population ... 10.34

Deaths from Puerperal causes Nil

Rate per 1,000 live and still births Nil

Deaths of infants under one year of age:

All Infants 12 Legitimate 12 Illegitimate =

Death Rate of all infants per 1,000 live births 16.67

Death Rate of legitimate infants per 1,000
legitimate live births ... 17.60

Death Rate of illegitimate infants per 1,000
illegitimate live births ... Nil

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:

All Infants 8 Legitimate 8 Illegitimate =

Death Rate of children under 4 weeks per
total live births

11.11

* It will be apparent that the Birth and Death Rate of any area is bound to be influenced by the age and sex distribution of the population so that in order that truer comparisons can be made between one area and another the actual Birth and Death Rates are multiplied by a number called the 'comparability factor' the result being known as the Corrected Birth or Death Rate. These 'comparability factors' are supplied by the Registrar General and are based on the age and sex distribution of the population as shown by the census. For Rowley Regis they are as follows:-

Comparability Factor for birth 0.97 and for deaths 1.30 and the corrected birth rate is 14.15 per 1,000 population, and the corrected death rate is 13.44 per 1,000 population.

BIRTHS

The total live births accredited to Rowley Regis during the year under review was 720 a decrease of 42 on the preceding year. The birth rate for the area was 14.59 which figure is lower than that for the whole of the country (viz. 18.1). Of these 720 births, 38 were illegitimate, 21 male and 17 female.

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S SHORT LIST OF
CAUSES OF DEATH IN THIS AREA

Cause of Death	M.	F.	Total
ALL CAUSES	271	239	510
Tuberculosis Respiratory	1	1	2
Meningococcal Infections	1	-	1
Other Infective and parasitic diseases	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm stomach	5	7	12
Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus	22	-	22
Malignant neoplasm breast	-	12	12
Malignant neoplasm uterus	-	3	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	29	16	45
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	2	1	3
Diabetes	1	2	3
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	32	38	70
Coronary Disease, Angina	60	54	114
Hypertension with Heart Disease	6	7	13
Other Heart Disease	27	32	59
Other circulatory Disease	2	11	13
Influenza	-	2	2
Pneumonia	12	15	27
Bronchitis	28	6	34
Other diseases of the Respiratory system	4	1	5
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	2	3
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	4	-	4
Congenital malformations	3	2	5
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	17	12	29
Motor vehicle accidents	2	1	3
Suicide	6	2	8
All other accidents	4	10	14

GENERAL REMARKS ON THE DEATH RATE

510 deaths were recorded in Rowley Regis in 1965. The general death rate showed a slight decrease, viz, 10.34 as compared with 10.54 in 1964. The highest number of deaths were attributable to the following causes:-

Diseases of the Heart and Circulation	186
Cancer	97
Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)	66
Diseases of the Nervous System	70

ABNORMAL SICKNESS OR MORTALITY

There has been no unusual excessive mortality during the year nor have the occupations or environment of the district had any demonstrably detrimental effect upon the public health.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological and pathological examination of clinical material, water, milk and foodstuffs is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, which is under the direction of Dr.F.W. Mackay Scolley. Chemical analysis is carried out at the County Chemical Laboratory under the direction of A. Houlbrooke, Esq., M.Sc., F.R.I.C., County Analyst.

Ambulance Facilities

Ambulances are provided by the County Council for the transport of infectious and non-infectious cases. The service is free and available at any hour of the day or night.

Hospital Facilities

There are no hospitals sited in the Borough so that the inhabitants have to use those situated in neighbouring areas. The chief ones are the Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge; the Guest Hospital, Dudley and the City of Birmingham Hospitals.

Infectious Diseases

The majority of cases of infectious disease requiring hospital treatment are admitted to the Moxley Hospital, Wednesbury. No difficulty is experienced in removing cases.

Tuberculosis

The care and treatment of Tuberculosis is the responsibility of Birmingham Regional Hospital Board. Clinics are held daily at Parsons Street, Dudley. Sanatoria are situated at Prestwood, Kinver and Himley.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

School Clinics and Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics etc., are provided by the County Council and are held at Mace Street Clinic, Carlyle Road Clinic and Elm Terrace Clinic.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

- (a) Maternal Mortality. No maternal deaths occurred during the year.
- (b) Infantile Mortality. 12 deaths were registered in children under 1 year, 8 of which occurred under the age of 4 weeks. The infantile mortality rate of 16.67 was lower than the figure for 1964 which was 19.68.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There were 414 cases of Infectious Diseases notified during 1965, as compared with 341 in 1964. The following table shows the actual number of cases of the various types of diseases which were notified during the year together with the number after correction.

Disease	Number notified	Number after correction
Scarlet Fever	26	26
Whooping Cough	13	13
Measles	346	346
Dysentery	3	3
Pneumonia	5	5
Erysipelas	1	1
Food Poisoning	2	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	1
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	14	14
Tuberculosis - Non-respiratory	3	3

Smallpox No cases occurred during the year.

SCARLET FEVER. There were 26 cases of Scarlet Fever notified during the year as compared with 25 cases in 1964. One case was removed to hospital, the remainder being treated at home. The disease was of a mild type and there were no deaths. Cases are only removed to hospital if they cannot be treated properly at home, or if there are reasons in the public interest why they should be isolated in hospital.

WHOOPING COUGH. There were 13 cases of whooping cough notified (22 in 1964). There were no deaths from this disease. 733 children were immunised against whooping cough during the year.

POLIOMYELITIS. No cases of poliomyelitis were notified in the district during the year.

MEASLES. There were 346 cases of measles notified during the year. (263 in 1964). Four cases were removed to hospital. There were no deaths from this disease.

DIPHTHERIA. There were no cases of Diphtheria during the year. There can be no doubt that this low incidence is the result of the vigorous immunisation that has been carried out during the past years.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION. This is carried out by the County Council either by their Medical Officers or by arrangement with medical practitioners. I am indebted to Doctor McLennan, the Area Medical Officer for the following report and statistical tables showing the work carried out in Rowley Regis during 1965.

"The disintegration of this Area as a result of Local Government Re-organisation is almost nigh and this report on the work carried out during the final calendar year is of necessity very brief, but the statistical tables which follow are comprehensive and for purposes of comparison have been drawn up on the same lines as those presented in my report for 1964.

The only change in the County Council's Immunisation Scheme which occurred during the year was the decision in September that children could be given oral poliomyelitis vaccine simultaneously with either triple vaccine or diphtheria and tetanus vaccine. This had been agreed by the Ministry of Health following the recommendation of their Advisory Sub-Committee on Poliomyelitis Vaccination. This change means that a child commencing immunisation procedures in his third month can have completed primary courses of protection against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and poliomyelitis by the time he reaches the age of six months, and this speeding up should bring about an improvement in the immunisation index.

The immunisation Team which visits schools was fully programmed throughout the year and all new entrants were offered Diphtheria/Tetanus booster doses. As the majority of entrants had not previously received tetanus, the process was lengthy in that three injections at monthly intervals were involved, incorporating initial protection against tetanus, and reinforcement against diphtheria. Re-vaccination against smallpox was also included in the Team's programme but this was not weighty as the number of school entrants vaccinated in infancy was very low. Some difficulty was experienced in that the Team was without a nurse for a considerable time, but the deficiency was overcome whenever possible by using the services of a clinic nurse."

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Year of birth	Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation during the year	Number of children who received re-inforcing injections
1965	186	4
1964	334	24
1963	63	54
1962	32	15
1958 - 1961	193	321
Others under 16 years of age	3	5
Totals	811	423

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION

Year of Birth	Number of children who have completed a primary course	Number of children who have received reinforcing injections
1965	185	3
1964	315	23
1963	57	47
1962	30	14
1955-1961	27	29
Others under 16 years	-	3
Totals	614	119

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

Year of Birth	Number of persons who completed a primary course of vaccination	Number of persons who received reinforcing doses
1965	122	5
1964	394	10
1963	102	17
1962	39	7
1958 - 1961	64	22
Others under 16 years	3	6
Totals	724	67

SMALL POX VACCINATION

Age at date of vaccination	Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated during the year)	
	No. vaccinated.	No. re-vaccinated
0 - 3 months	2	-
3 - 6 months	5	-
6 - 9 months	5	-
9 - 12 months	34	-
1 year	212	-
2 - 4 years	69	-
5 - 14 years	20	41
15 or over	2	-
Totals	349	41

TETANUS

Year of Birth	Initial	Reinforcing
1965	185	4
1964	327	24
1963	63	54
1962	32	15
1958-1961	487	51
Others under 16 years	8	4
Totals	1102	152

TUBERCULOSIS. There were 14 notifications of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 3 Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis during the year as compared with 23 and 5 during 1964. There were two deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis in 1965 (one in 1964). The following table shows the new cases in the various age groups, and also deaths.

Age Periods Years	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory Male	Female	Non-Respiratory Male	Female	Respiratory Male	Female	Non-Respiratory Male	Female
0 - 4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	4	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
Totals	12	2	3	-	1	1	-	-

Home visiting of these cases is carried out by the County Council Health Visitors and copies of their reports are supplied to me.

Information as to any sanitary defect or overcrowding is contained in these reports which enables us to take any necessary action to abate them. Cases of overcrowding are reported through to the Housing Department with a recommendation regarding re-housing and wherever possible the Estate Management Committee have granted the tenancy of a council house. Close and effective co-operation exists between the Public Health Department and the Housing Department.

The following table shows the number of cases admitted to hospitals during the year:-

Name of Institution	Number of admissions	Number of discharges
Prestwood Sanatorium	6	8
Wordsley Hospital	1	-
The Limes, Himley	1	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No persons were removed to hospital under the above Act during the year 1965.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the County Borough of Warley.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is my twelfth and final report on the sanitary circumstances of the Borough of Rowley Regis marked by the untimely death of your Medical Officer of Health, Dr. F. Asker and the amalgamation of the Borough with both Smethwick and Oldbury to form the new County Borough of Warley.

May I add my tribute to those already expressed by Members and Officers concerning Dr. Asker whose personality and ability were salient factors in maintaining an efficient and contented staff in your Public Health Department.

I hope that the spirit of Members and Officers alike will surmount the considerable difficulties yet to be encountered in the formation of the new Borough and that the next few years will see a happy relationship and an efficient service to the public.

My thanks are due to colleagues, Chief Officers and Members of the former Borough of Rowley Regis for their advice and assistance.

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

F. T. HARRISON,

Chief Public Health Inspector and
Cleansing Superintendent

(Borough of Rowley Regis).

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

- (i) The water is supplied by the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company and is satisfactory in both (a) quantity and (b) quality.

This water is supplied to the Company in bulk from Birmingham, where the principal source of supply is obtained from the gathering ground of the rivers Elan and Claerwen in Mid-Wales.

- (ii) There is a piped water supply throughout the district.
- (iii) The water is not of an acidic nature; and
- (iv) No action for contamination was necessary.
- (v) The public water mains supply direct is as follows:
- | | | | | | |
|-----|------------------------|-----|-----|--------|--------------|
| (a) | Occupied dwellings | ... | ... | 17,173 | (31/12/1965) |
| (b) | Population | ... | ... | 49,340 | |
| | By means of standpipes | ... | ... | NIL | |
- (vi) Two samples were taken during the year. One was submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination and one to the County Analyst for chemical analysis. They were found to be satisfactory.

OPEN AIR SWIMMING BATHS

This fill and empty bath at Haden Hill Park was only used for a few weeks during the summer due to inability to recruit an attendant.

Two water samples were taken at the same time, one submitted for bacteriological examination being satisfactory, but the other chemically analysed showed a deficiency of free chlorine. A daily check was also kept by means of a Lovibond comparator test with manual chlorination, although carefully supervised this type of bath is unsatisfactory from a public health point of view.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The greater part of the sewage passes down the Upper Stour Valley Main Sewerage Board's sewers and is dealt with on the land irrigation principle at Whittington, Near Stourbridge, the effluent

being discharged into the River Stour.

A small sewage disposal works is in use at Tividale, the effluent being discharged into a tributary of the Tame.

RIVERS AND STREAMS ETC.

There were few complaints during the year, probably due to the cool and wet summer which we experienced. The main potential source of nuisance, the large marlhole at Tividale which is still in a septic condition has not yet been aerated due to difficulties arising in the setting up of the necessary apparatus but it is hoped that this will be in operation in the near future.

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICES

There are 35 cesspools within the Borough and these are emptied regularly by a gully emptier from the Borough Surveyor's Department.

STATISTICS 1964/65

Round Number and District	Vehicle	Number of Bins	Number of Pails	Trade Bins collected during financial year 1964-1965
Number 1 Old Hill	Fore and Aft Shelvoke & Drewry Diesel 1961	2,915	1	5,208
Number 2 Cradley Heath	Bedford Daybrook 1963	2,889	8	9,648
Number 3 Blackheath	Fore and Aft Shelvoke & Drewry Diesel 1959	2,896	-	4,368
Number 4 Tividale	Fore and Aft Shelvoke & Drewry Diesel 1957	3,006	5	1,352
Number 5 Rowley	Fore and Aft Shelvoke & Drewry Diesel 1955	3,082	-	1,950
Number 6 Springfield	Fore and Aft Bulk loader Shelvoke & Drewry Diesel 1962	2,932	23	1,521
TOTALS		17,720	37	24,047

Spare Vehicles: One side loader 1951.
 One Fore and Aft tipper 1952.
 Shelvoke and Drewry.

Tip Work: One Weatherill shovel, March 1964.

Salvage Collection: Thames Trader 1962.

Street Sweeping: Bedford Lacre Suction Sweeper - Diesel 1965
 Lewin Sweepmaster - Diesel 1960
 S.S.C. Lewin (Spare) - Diesel 1956
 Two Litta Snatchas - Petrol

Sanitary Services and Street Sweeping:

Commer Van - 1963
 Ford 5 cwt. Thames (3) 1965, 1965, 1965.

Employees: Foreman and Clerk.
 Six Refuse Freighter Drivers.
 Eighteen Refuse Loaders.
 One Tipman
 One Driver and One Collector, Salvage - females
 One Rodent Operative.
 One Attendant, public sanitary conveniences.
 Two Drivers, mechanical sweepers.
 Seven Roadsweepers - manual.
 One paper baler and general duties.
 One mortuary attendant - part time.

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>
Area (statute acres)	3,793	3,793
Population (Registrar General's estimate June 1964)	49,330	49,130
Total refuse collection (tons) estimated	12,975	16,524
Weight (cwts) per 1,000 population per day (365 days to year)	14.44	18.5
Number of premises from which refuse is collected	17,168	17,264
Average haul (miles) by <u>collection vehicle</u> to disposal point (single journey)	3¼	3¼
Total refuse disposed of	13,425 tons	16,977 tons
Methods of disposal (salvage excluded)		
Controlled tipping ...	100%	100%

SALVAGE AND TRADE REFUSE

	Tonnage		Income	
	1964-1965	1963-1964	1964-1965	1963-1964
Waste Paper	405	327	£3,136	£2,454
Trade Refuse	1,054	913	£1,165	£ 915
Totals	1,459	1,240	£4,301	£3,369

Cost Statement

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Year	Net Cost	Cost per 1,000 Population	Cost per 1,000 premises
1964 - 1965	£36,250	£738	£2,099
1963 - 1964	£34,837	£706	£2,029

PROVISION OF DUSTBINS

	<u>1964 - 1965</u>	<u>1963 - 1964</u>
Number of Bins renewed	1,817	1,716
Provided to new Corporation houses	99	58
Net Cost as charge on the Rates	£3,962	£3,693
Equivalent Rate Charge	.4d.	.42d.

STATISTICS - STREET CLEANSING

Particulars	Street Sweeping and Watering	
	1963 - 1964	1964 - 1965
GROSS EXPENDITURE	£	£
(i) Labour	5,966	5,892
(ii) Transport	5,803	9,960
(iii) Plant, equipment, building &c.	139	636
(iv) Other items	146	184
INCOME - NIL		
NET COST	12,054	16,672
UNIT COSTS	£	£
Net cost per street mile	186	257
Net cost per 1,000 population	244	339

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

A. THE NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR, 1965

HOUSES

UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Houses where defects were found to exist	124
Total number of visits made	1,029

HOUSES INSPECTED UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS

Individual unfit houses	20
Clearance Areas	95
Survey for future Slum Clearance Action	278
Total number of visits made	1,371

RENT ACT, 1957

Number of houses inspected for	
Certificates of Disrepair	NIL
Total number of visits made	1

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Nature	Number of Inspections made
Insect Infestations ...	9
Visits for offences under	
Shops Act (Closing Hours) ...	3
Drains ...	632
Public Sanitary Conveniences ...	232
Slaughterhouses ...	1,238
Foodstores ...	1,094
Piggeries ...	37
Factories and Outworkers ...	77
Bakehouses ...	17
Licensed Premises ...	178
Van Dwellings ...	248
Carbide Stores ...	3
Petroleum Stores ...	386
Smoke & Atmospheric Pollution ...	556
Infectious Diseases ...	79
Pet Animals Act ...	16
Cinemas ...	18
Rag Flock Act ...	5

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Nature	Number of Inspections made	
Food Poisoning	...	3
Houses in multiple occupation	...	102
Watercourses	...	64
Ice-Cream Stores	...	7
Canteens, Cafes & Restaurants	...	202
Cellulose Stores	...	65
Street Cleansing	...	418
Water and sewage in cellars	...	55
Refuse tips and depots	...	713
Mortuaries	...	16
Persons in need of care and attention	...	16
Accumulations	...	221
Miscellaneous	...	1,062
Markets and Food Stalls	...	53
Public Cleansing	...	98
Swimming baths	...	9
Stables, Animals and Birds	...	8
Dirty premises	...	79
Noise	...	518
Rodent Infestations	...	2,951
Schools	...	5
Riding Establishments	...	8
INTERVIEWS WITH OWNERS, BUILDERS, ETC.	...	1,575

COMPLAINTS

Total number of complaints received during 1965	298
Common Lodging Houses	...
	NIL

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT AND DEFECTS REMEDIED, 1965.

DWELLING HOUSES

Disrepair - External	...	...	72
Disrepair - Internal	...	...	86
Stability	...	...	17
Dampness	...	...	12
Water supply	...	...	14
Drains and W.C's	...	...	273
Dirty rooms	...	...	2
Accumulations	...	...	11
Miscellaneous	...	...	6

FACTORIES

Disrepair - External	...	...	16
Disrepair - Internal	...	...	8
Dust/Grit nuisances	...	...	6
Smoke nuisances	...	...	5
Noise nuisances	...	...	5
Miscellaneous	...	...	29

SHOPS and STORES

Disrepair - External	...	...	1
Disrepair - Internal	...	...	11
Hot water supply	...	...	8
Cold water supply	...	...	2
Contravention of Food Hygiene Regulations	...	...	89
Miscellaneous	...	...	12

FOOD PREPARING, BAKEHOUSES, CANTEENS and RESTAURANTS

Disrepair - External	...	...	8
Disrepair - Internal	...	...	34
Hot water supply	...	...	9
Cold water supply	...	...	4
Contravention of Food Hygiene Regulations	...	...	268
Miscellaneous	...	...	18

LICENCED PREMISES and CLUBS

Disrepair - External	...	...	7
Disrepair - Internal	...	...	39
Hot water supply	...	...	8
Cold water supply	...	...	5

LICENCED PREMISES and CLUBS (Continued)

Contravention of Food Hygiene Regulations	...	103
Miscellaneous	...	17

SLAUGHTERHOUSES, PIGGERIES and STABLES

Disrepair	...	3
Contravention of Slaughterhouse Regulations	...	11
Accumulations	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	1

PETROL, CARBIDE and CELLULOSE STORES

Defective installations	...	10
Defective electrical appliances	...	3
Fire fighting equipment	...	49
Notices	...	26
Pressure tests - existing tanks	...	3
Defective tanks removed or filled in	...	1
New tanks installed	...	6
Miscellaneous	...	16

THEATRES and CINEMAS

Fire fighting equipment	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	4

CARAVANS

Occupying land without a licence	...	62
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OFFICES, SHOPS and RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

The relevant details extracted from the Annual Report to the Minister of Labour are given below.

YEAR 1965

TABLE A - Registrations and General Inspections

Class of premises	No. of premises registered during the year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Offices	5	70	16
Retail shops	20	217	113
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	15	2
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	5	105	91
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-

TABLE B - Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises - 387.

TABLE C - Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace

Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	510
Retail shops	890
Wholesale departments, warehouses	133
Catering establishments open to the public	497
Canteens	-
Fuel Storage Depots	-
Total	2,030
Total Males	812
Total Females	1,218

TABLE D - Exemptions - NIL

TABLE E - Prosecutions - NIL

TABLE F - Inspectors:-

Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act	7
Number of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act	NIL

B. - THE NUMBER OF NOTICES SERVED

DURING THE YEAR 1965

(Distinguishing Statutory from Informal)

INFORMAL NOTICES on the books, 31st December, 1964	289
FORMAL NOTICES on the books, 31st December, 1964	2
INFORMAL NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR 1965	450
FORMAL NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR 1965	5
	746

C. - THE RESULT OF THE SERVICE OF SUCH NOTICES

INFORMAL NOTICES complied with in 1965 which were outstanding 31st December, 1964	241
INFORMAL NOTICES complied with in 1965 which were served during the year	213
FORMAL NOTICES complied with in 1965 which were outstanding 31st December, 1964	1
FORMAL NOTICES complied with in 1965 which were served during the year	4
	459

TOTAL NUMBER OF NOTICES on the books
31st December, 1965

FORMAL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
INFORMAL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	285
								287

NUMBER of back-to-back houses included above ... 24

1. Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year 1965

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) including Housing Act survey for future Slum Clearance Programme	628
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	2,500
(2)	(a)	Number inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations	20
	(b)	Inspections made for the purpose ...	1,193
(3)		Number of dwellinghouses found to be in state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	20
(4)		Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	124

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officer	107
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 Housing Act, 1957:-

(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	NIL
(2)	Dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices	NIL

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Act -

(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	...	4
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices during 1965 or notices previously outstanding					
(a)	By Owners	...	...	...	...	4
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	...	...	NIL

(c) Proceedings under Sections 16, 17 and 23 Housing Act, 1957

(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which demolition orders were made	...	...	...	...	11
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	19
(3)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished as a result of informal procedure under Sections 16 and 17	...	...	...	...	1
(4)	Number of dwellinghouses owned by the Local Authority certified as unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	...	...	...	...	1
(5)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished being certified as unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	...	...	...	...	NIL
(6)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were served	...	...	...	...	NIL
(7)	Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders or Undertakings given	...	...	...	...	1
(8)	Number of dwellinghouses for which undertakings to render houses fit were submitted and accepted by Council	...	...	...	...	1

- (9) Number of dwellinghouses made fit on undertakings accepted by the Council ... 1
- (10) Number of undertakings not to use unfit houses for human habitation accepted ... NIL
- (11) Back-to-back houses converted to one and Demolition Orders revoked ... NIL

(d) Proceedings under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957:-

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... NIL
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... NIL

CLEARANCE AREAS AND INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES
RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1965

Part A - CLEARANCE AREAS (Housing Acts 1936/57/61)

	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in the period		Number of persons displaced	Number of families
	Unfit Houses	Other Houses		
(1) Land coloured "Pink"	32	-	128	38
(2) Land coloured "Grey"	-	-	-	-

PART B - HOUSES NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARANCE AREAS

DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS	Number of		Number of Families
	Houses	Persons displaced	
(1) Housing Act, 1957.			
(a) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1)	17	39	15
(b) Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners under Section 16 and still in force	-	-	-
(c) Number of dwellinghouses closed on undertakings to convert back-to-back houses into through houses	-	-	-
(d) Back-to-back houses converted to one and demolition orders revoked	-	-	-
(e) Houses made fit in pursuance of undertakings	1	-	-
(f) Number of dwelling-houses closed in pursuance of Closing Order made (Section 17)	1	3	1
(g) Local Authority owned houses certified as unfit by the Medical Officer of Health and demolished	-	-	-

No Clearance Areas were represented during 1965.

Twenty individual unfit houses were represented with the following results -

Demolition Orders made

Albion Street, 55, 57, 59.

Brades Road, 25, 26.

Blackberry Lane, 54, 55.

Dudley Road, Springfield, 18 (The Bungalow)

Lower City Road, Lock Tools House

Mincing Lane, 11, 12.

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Awaiting Committee Decision

Turner's Hill, 15.

Allsop's Hill, Quarry Cottage.

Darby's Hill Road, 35.

Bluebell Road, 19, 20.

Gadds Green, 7, 9, 10, 11.

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The following houses were demolished during 1965.

In Clearance Areas

Cherry Orchard, 31, 32, 33.
Club Buildings, 4, 5, 6.
Hayseech, 21, 22, 23, 24.
Hill Passage, 16.
Lodgefield Road, 11.
Peartree Street, 60, 61, 62.
Reddal Hill Road, 3.
Ross, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133,
142, 143, 144.
Wrights Lane, 55, 57, 73, 74, 112, 113, 114.

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Individual Unfit Houses

Club Buildings, 7.
Oakham, 15, 16.
Oldbury Road, 100, 102.
Powke Lane, 100.
Peartree Lane, 4, 5.
Providence Street, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Reddal Hill Road, 49, 50.
Silverthorne Lane, 5.
Upper High Street, 3, 4.

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SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRESS SUMMARY

Programme Year	Houses	Re-housed	Demolished
<u>FIRST YEAR: 1956.</u>			
Clearance Areas	80	80	80
Individual Unfit Houses	29	29	29
Houses in pre 1955 action	70	67	64
<u>SECOND YEAR: 1957.</u>			
Clearance Areas	71	71	71
Individual Unfit houses	72	72	70
<u>THIRD YEAR: 1958.</u>			
Clearance Areas	132	131	126
Individual Unfit houses	95	95	83
<u>FOURTH YEAR: 1959.</u>			
Clearance Areas	128	124	123
Individual Unfit houses	56	47	25
<u>FIFTH YEAR: 1960.</u>			
Clearance Areas	75	36	11
Individual Unfit houses	87	78	51
<u>SIXTH YEAR: 1961.</u>			
Clearance Areas	120	26	11
Individual Unfit houses	11	9	9
<u>SEVENTH YEAR: 1962.</u>			
Clearance Areas	129	11	3
Individual Unfit houses	15	9	-
<u>EIGHTH YEAR: 1963.</u>			
Clearance Areas	113	-	-
Individual Unfit houses	8	1	1
<u>NINTH YEAR: 1964.</u>			
Clearance Areas	82	2	-
Individual Unfit houses	13	5	-
<u>TENTH YEAR: 1965.</u>			
Individual Unfit houses	20	-	-
	1,406	893	757
31st December, 1965.			

RENT ACT, 1957

1st January to 31st December, 1965

PART I - APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

1.	Number of applications for certificates	...	...	...	NIL
2.	Number of decisions not to issue certificates	...	...	...	NIL
3.	Number of decisions to issue certificates	...	...	...	NIL
	(a) in respect of some but not all defects	...	...	...	NIL
	(b) in respect of all defects	...	...	...	NIL
4.	Number of undertakings given by Landlords under Paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	...	...	NIL
5.	Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	...	...	NIL
6.	Number of Certificates issued	...	...	...	NIL

PART II - APPLICATIONS FOR CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATES

7.	Applications by Landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	...	...	...	NIL
8.	Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	...	...	...	NIL
9.	Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objection	...	...	...	NIL
10.	Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	...	...	...	NIL

DISINFECTION and DISINFESTATION

Disinfestation has been carried out at seven houses:
for wasps (4), ants (1), beetles (2).

Visits made concerning the above ... 9

Inspections for tenancy allocations of
Council Houses ... 627

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to Health

Premises	Number on Register	Number of in- spections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	432	76	9	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	1	1	-	-
TOTALS	435	77	9	-

2. CASES WHERE DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H. M. Inspector	By H. M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7.)					
(a) Insufficient	-	2	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	11	21	-	3	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	1	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	13	24	-	3	-

PART VIII of the ACT

OUTWORK

(Section 133 and 134)

	Section 133		Section 134	
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending list to the Council	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served
Iron and steel cables and chains	3	2	-	-
Making of wearing apparel	4	-	-	-
Carding of buttons etc.	29	-	-	-
Cardboard box making	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	37	2	-	-

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

FOOD PREMISES

Number in the Borough of:

(1)	Butchers Shops	...	...	...	...	53
(2)	Canteens (Industrial)	...	...	...	...	31
(3)	Canteens (Schools)	...	...	...	...	18
(4)	Cafes and Restaurants	...	...	...	...	25
(5)	Confectioners	...	...	...	...	30
(6)	Cooked Meat Shops	...	...	...	...	1
(7)	Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	26
(8)	Wet Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	8
(9)	Grocers Shops	...	...	...	...	114
(10)	Sweet Shops	...	...	...	...	35
(11)	Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	127
(12)	Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	53
(13)	Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	4
(14)	Sweet Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	2
(15)	Mineral Water Depots and Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	3
						530

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16 FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

(1)	Ice-Cream Retailers	...	...	...	...	225
(2)	Ice-Cream Manufacturers (Cold Mix)	...	...	...	...	1
(3)	Sausage etc. Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	4
(4)	Cooked Meat Preparers	...	...	...	...	11
(5)	Fish Frying	...	...	...	...	22
						263

MEAT INSPECTION

One hundred per cent inspection continues to be carried out including weekend duty on a rota basis.

Tuberculosis is now rare in cattle including cows but cysticercosis gives cause for increasing concern in beef cattle. The eradication of this parasite should offer far fewer difficulties than those already overcome in clearing up tuberculosis.

Thirteen slaughtermen's licences were renewed during 1965.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Totals
Number killed	1,006	4	28	4,680	2,240	7,958
Number inspected	1,006	4	28	4,680	2,240	7,958
ALL diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcasses surrendered	-	-	1	2	2	5
Carcasses of which some part or organ was surrendered	186	4	-	505	479	1,174
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with dis- ease other than Tuberculosis	18.5	100.0	3.6	10.8	21.0	14.8
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses surrendered	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was surrendered	-	-	-	-	14	14
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.6	0.2
Cysticercosis: Carcasses of which some part or organ was surrendered	11	-	-	-	-	11
Carcasses submitted to refrigeration	11	-	-	-	-	11
Generalized and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

CATTLE OTHER THAN COWS

Parts surrendered with diseases

Diseases	C	H & T	L	H	Lv	I & M	K	O
Abscesses	-	-	3	-	46	-	2	2
Actinobacillosis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Actinomycosis	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cirrhosis	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-
C. Bovis	-	6	-	5	-	-	-	-
Echinococcus	-	-	13	-	6	-	-	-
Fascioliasis	-	-	-	-	80	-	-	-
Melanosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pleurisy and Pneumonia	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-
Peritonitis	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	9	27	5	141	-	2	3

C = Carcasses

H & T = Head and Tongue

L = Lungs

H = Heart

Lv = Liver

I & M = Intestines and Mesenteries

K = Kidneys

O = Other parts

COWS

Parts surrendered with diseases

Diseases	C	H & T	L	H	Lv	I & M	K	U	O
Abscesses	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Echinococcus	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fascioliasis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Mastitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
TOTALS	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	-

CALVES

Diseases	C	H & T	L	H	Lv	I & M	K	U	O
Septicaemia	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	-
TOTALS	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	-

C = Carcasses
 H & T = Head and Tongue
 L = Lungs
 H = Heart
 Lv = Liver
 I & M = Intestines and Mesenteries
 K = Kidneys
 U = Udders
 O = Other parts

SHEEP

Diseases	C	H	L	H	Lv	K	O
Arthritis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Bruising	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
C. Ovis	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
Emaciation	2	2	2	2	2	4	-
Echinococcus	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Fascioliasis	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Mastitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pericarditis	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Pyæmia	-	-	2	-	1	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	19	-	-	-	-
Parasites	-	-	376	-	60	-	-
Peritonitis	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Pleurisy	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	2	403	8	68	4	4

C = Carcases
 H = Head
 L = Lungs
 H = Heart
 Lv = Liver
 K = Kidneys
 O = Other parts

PIGS

Diseases	C	H	L	H	Lv	K	I	O
Abscesses	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	-
Arthritis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Bruising	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cirrhosis	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-
Emaciation	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	-
Parasites	-	-	12	-	54	-	-	-
Peritonitis	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-
Pericarditis	-	-	-	23	-	-	-	-
Pleurisy	-	-	56	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia and Congestion	-	-	321	-	-	-	-	-
Septicaemia	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	-
Tuberculosis	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	17	391	25	78	4	2	3

C = Carcasses
 H = Heads
 L = Lungs
 H = Hearts
 Lv = Livers
 K = Kidneys
 I = Intestines
 O = Other parts

Year	Tuberculosis discovered in Percentages		
	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Pigs
1954	5.3	28.0	2.2
1955	5.1	17.9	1.7
1956	5.1	20.1	1.9
1957	3.0	22.3	2.2
1958	2.9	12.0	4.9
1959	2.5	3.5	1.7
1960	.7	NIL	1.9
1961	.27	4.4	1.8
1962	.08	NIL	1.2
1963	NIL	NIL	1.6
1964	NIL	NIL	1.7
1965	NIL	NIL	0.6

WEIGHT OF MEAT SURRENDERED AT SLAUGHTERHOUSES

					<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
BEEF:	Carcase Meat	...	...	...		1	3	1
	Offal	...	...	...		15	1	23½
MUTTON:	Carcase Meat	...	...	...			3	12½
	Offal	...	...	...		5	1	18
PORK:	Carcase Meat	...	...	...		1	0	9½
	Offal (including Heads)		...	...		7	2	3¼
					1	12	0	11¾

OTHER UNFIT FOODSTUFFS SURRENDERED AND DESTROYED

							<u>lbs.</u>
Tinned fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	24¾
Tinned fruit	...	...	...	...	...	...	371¼
Tinned meat	...	...	...	...	...	...	673½
Tinned milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	36½
Tinned soup	...	...	...	...	...	...	26¾
Tinned vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	...	102½
Tinned puddings	...	...	...	...	...	...	7¼
Frozen vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	...	84
Bacon	...	...	...	...	...	...	83
Butchers meat	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
							1,460½

MILK SUPPLY

The following licences have been granted:-

Dealers Licences, Pasteurised	14
Dealers Licences, Sterilised	150

FOOD and DRUGS SAMPLING 1965

The County Council, acting for and on behalf of the Borough took 159 samples of food as shown below:-

<u>MILK</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>No. Adulterated</u>
Pasteurised	25	-
Sterilised	13	-
	38	-

<u>GENERAL FOODS</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>No. Adulterated</u>
	121	3

ACTION TAKEN ON UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

<u>Description</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Action</u>
1. Chopped Pork	Formal	9.4% deficient in proper proportion of meat.	Taken up with Importers and packers. Satisfactorily resolved.
2. Butter Chocolate Cake	Informal	Cake crumb fat only 50% butter instead of 100% butter fat.	Formal sample to be taken.
3. Butter Chocolate Cake	Formal	Cake crumb fat only 38% butter fat instead of 100%	Manufacturers Fined £25 with £7. 7. Od. costs.

The County Medical Officer has kindly supplied the following particulars of the examination of milk samples taken during the year:-

<u>Bacteriological Test</u>	-	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Pasteurised		116	-
Sterilised		29	-
		145	-

FOOD POISONING

There was no outbreak of food poisoning during the year. Three individual cases were notified but no causative agent was identified.

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM ETC.

The following licences have been granted:-

		<u>Premises</u>	<u>Gallons</u>
Petroleum Spirit	...	105	210,627
Rubber Solvent	...	1	1,000
Rubber Solution	...	1	500
Cellulose Paint and Mixtures	...	19	2,822
		126	214,949

		<u>Premises</u>	<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>
Carbide of Calcium	...	2	1.	4.	0.

PUBLIC MORPUARY

A total of 57 bodies were admitted during 1965.

THE RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

Eleven informal samples were taken during the year and all were found to be satisfactory.

ABATEMENT OF NOISE NUISANCE

The following action has been taken to reduce nuisance:-

- (1) Noise from rolling mills - modification of machinery.
- (2) Foundry - alterations to roof and walls of compressor house and screening to core drying fans.
- (3) Factory - three compressor air intakes re-sited.
- (4) Factory - doors and windows closed at night.
- (5) Foundry - screening walls built, three fans fitted with silencers and re-sited, old shaking screens renewed.

HOUSES IN MULTI-OCCUPATION

There are now seventeen dwellings in the Borough coming under this heading, an increase of ten during the year. Two of the houses are subject to 'directions' limiting the number of inhabitants and very few complaints were received concerning the conduct of any of these houses.

PROSECUTIONS 1965

Public Health Acts, 1936 - 1961

	<u>Offence</u>	<u>Result</u>
(1)	Section 93 Dirty house	Nuisance Order, fourteen days and £5. 5. 0d. costs

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

(1)	Section 8 Unfit Chocolates (infested with Ptinus Fur)	Fined £20. 0. 0d. Costs £6. 6. 0d.
(2)	Section 2 Frozen Shepherds Pie (contained piece of wire)	Fined £25. 0. 0d. Costs £6. 6. 0d.
(3)	Section 8 Mouldy Cornish Pastry	Fined £20. 0. 0d. Costs £10. 10. 0d. (manufacturers) Costs £11. 15. 0d. (seller)

Housing Act, 1957

(1)	Section 170 Failure to supply information	Fined £5. 0. 0d. Costs £5. 5. 0d.
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Petroleum Acts

(1)	Storage of petroleum without licence	Fined £10. 0. 0d. Costs £3. 3. 0d.
(2)	Storage of petroleum without licence	Fined £10. 0. 0d. Costs £3. 3. 0d.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

There were comparatively few complaints received during the year concerning atmospheric pollution. Constant vigilance is maintained on existing plant and proposals for new installations are carefully scrutinised.

Four notifications of intention to install new furnaces were received and the appropriate chimney heights calculated. Another proposal to construct a new type of acid recovery plant was notified by this department to the Government Alkali Inspector.

There are two main stone crushing plants in the Borough. The very old plant in Portway Road which was the cause of much complaint was closed down during the year and a completely new installation built at considerable cost on an adjoining site. This new plant incorporates the most modern dust arrestation apparatus and apart from minor teething troubles has worked for several months without nuisance. In the other case it is hoped that new arrestation apparatus will be installed in the very near future and obviate further complaints concerning that source of nuisance.

Other improvements secured were as follows:-

- (1) New smokeless incinerator installed
- (2) New dust extractors fitted to shot blasting plant
- (3) Chimney extended to core drying oven
- (4) Vertical boiler converted from coal to oil firing
- (5) Dust arrestor filter bags renewed to shot blasting machinery.

TONS PER SQUARE MILE - SOLIDS DEPOSITED DURING

THE LAST TWELVE YEARS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MONTHLY AVERAGE</u>	<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS</u>
	<u>* OLD HILL</u>	<u>! BLACKHEATH</u>
1954	20.09	14.06
1955	17.51	14.36
1956	16.22	14.47
1957	15.94	12.99
1958	15.06	12.17
1959	15.27	12.13
1960	17.11	16.04
1961	13.51	12.96
1962	13.94	12.57
1963	12.94	12.70
1964	14.73	12.58
1965	13.74	12.35

* Low-Lying Industrial Area

! Higher Ground - Mainly Residential

1965	Total Solids per Sq. Mile in Tons		Rainfall in Inches
Month	Old Hill	Blackheath	
JANUARY	15.86	18.07	3.03
FEBRUARY	12.18	10.25	0.32
MARCH	11.12	11.52	2.01
APRIL	18.29	11.76	1.32
MAY	15.96	22.54	1.20
JUNE	21.21	14.01	1.80
JULY	17.56	13.94	3.21
AUGUST	9.36	7.93	1.10
SEPTEMBER	10.38	10.16	3.85
OCTOBER	9.03	6.00	0.45
NOVEMBER	12.84	10.75	2.70
DECEMBER	11.12	11.31	4.77
Monthly Average	13.74	12.35	2.15

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Report for 12 Months Ended 31st December, 1965

	<u>Type of Property</u>			All other (including Business & Industrial)	Total
	Local Auth- ority	Dwelling houses	Agricul- tural		
1. Total No. of properties in Local Authority's district.	15	17,173	2	1,610	18,800
2. No. of properties inspected by the Local Authority as a result of					
(a) notification	a 13	459	-	23	495
(b) survey under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	b -	184	-	-	184
(c) Otherwise e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose	c -	-	-	-	-
3. No. of properties inspected (Under 2) which were found to be infested by rats	Major - Minor 11	- 525	- -	- 16	- 552
4. No. of properties inspected (Under 2) which were found to be infested by mice	Minor -	55	-	6	61
5. No. of infested properties (Under 3 & 4) treated by Local Authority	11	580	-	22	613
6. No. of inspections carried out including re-inspections	65	2,709	-	91	2,865

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7. No. of notices served under Sec. 4:					
1. Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
2. Structural works (proofing)	-	-	-	-	-
8. No. of Block Control Schemes carried out	-	-	-	-	-

